

Wellington. This confusion of ideas is said to have produced the most laughable mistakes, people frequently beginning invectives which ended in becoming panegyrics of the persons they did not mean to praise.

"We have just learnt/¹ says a writer who was at Brussels at this time, "that Napoleon had left the capital of France <«u the 12th ; on the 15th the frequent arrival of courierH excited extreme anxiety, and towards evening General Muilling presented himself at the hotel of the Duke* of Wellington with despatches from Blueher. We were all aware that- the enemy was in movement, and the ignorant could not solve the enigma of the Duke going tranquilly to the ball at the Ihtke of Richmond's— his coolness was above their comprehension. Had he remained at his own hotel a panic would have, probably ensued amongst the inhabitants, which would have embarrassed the intended movement of the British division of the army.

"I returned home late, and we were still talking over our uneasiness when we heard the trumpets sound. Before the sun had risen in full splendor I heard martial music approaching, and soon beheld from my windows the f»th renerve of the British army passing; the Highland brigade- were the first in advance, led by their noble thanes, the bagl»ipen playing their several pibrochs; they wen* succeeded by the 2Hth, their bugles' note falling more blithely upon the ear. Each regiment passed in succession with its band playing/*

The gallant Duke of Brunswick was at a ball at the aiuwmbly-roonis in the Rue Ducale on the night of the 15th of June when the French guns, which he was one of the first to hear, were clearly distinguished at Brussels, " Upon receiving the information that a powerful French force WIM advancing in the direction of Gharleroi, 'Tht?n it is high time for me to Im off/ he exclaimed, and immediately quitted the ballroom."

The assembly broke up abruptly, and in half an hour drums were beating and bugles Bounding. The good Inirghern of the city, who were almost all enjoying their first sleup, «turted from their beds at the alarm, and hastened to the streets The most ridiculous and absurd

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